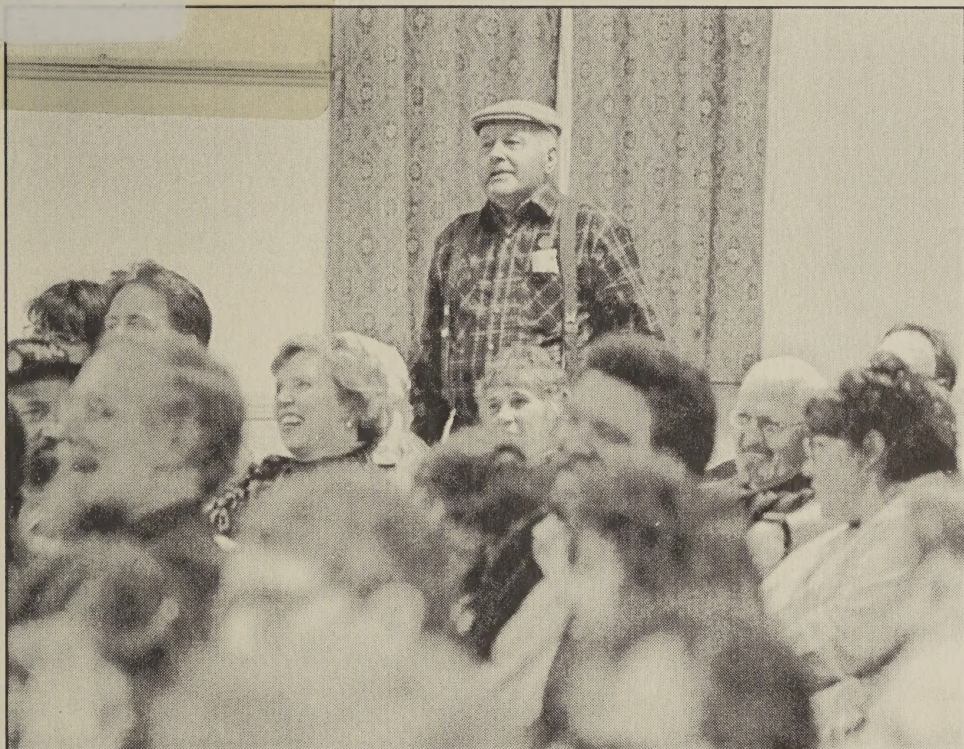


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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending December 31

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Town Meeting March 2000

"Move the question!" Donald W. Richards

Photo taken by Dean Shalhoup/*The Telegraph*

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 2007

Mason, New Hampshire continues in its two hundred thirty-ninth year as a small community. Despite not having attained the census of 2,138 residents in 1827, the Town continues to grow. Growth continues to be a focal point of conversation and debate. There has been considerable turbulence in the economic area as well as the weather. A slowdown in the economy and particular in the housing market has given some breathing room to an anticipated building cycle. On the downside there have been several foreclosures and a record number of properties up for sale.

Not all of the reminders of the April 19th storm had been fixed before the snow started flying in December. David Cook and his crew have risen to the challenge and done an admirable job. A minor burglary outbreak as well as a constant stream of drug arrests reminds us our rural location is not a vaccine against some of the urban problems. Chief Hutchins and his officers are to be commended for their work as well.

The funds appropriated by last year's town meeting produced a document that defines the town's vision for the immediate future. The Master Plan was the product of nine months of work, by a committee made up of approximately twenty residents. The plan was adopted by the Planning Board after a public hearing. Now in place, it defines priorities and gives guidance to the Selectmen, committees and particularly the Planning Board.

Over the year we have mourned the loss of ten residents. Of those who died there were two who distinguished themselves in service to the town and their neighbors. Florence Roberts quietly contributed advice and humor as a long time member of the Conservation Committee and Forestry Committee. Days before her passing she reinforced her commitment to preserving one of the attributes that drew her to Mason: she bequeathed a forty-acre parcel of land across the street from the Uncle Sam house, to be preserved as a wooded recreation area. Don Richards, "the old soldier who lives in the woods" as he introduced himself on his home answering machine was seldom found sitting by the phone. There were projects to be done in the back yard but they never prevented him from showing up after a storm with a generator to prevent the contents of a neighbor's freezer from being lost. There was time spent with the Mason Fire department, as well as the less known countless hours spent fund raising for the Shiner's Burn Hospitals where no one is asked to pay for treatment.

When we speak of Mason usually the word community follows close behind. This seems to be the common thread that has connected the residents since the 1760's. The threads being those who have and continue to quietly donate their time to help the community. If you have passed by Pratt Pond and have noticed the tons of debris piled by the roadside, it was Devon Fletcher who, single handedly, dragged from the woods. Don't take for granted the pristine condition of Greenville Road either. Eddie Fortin has been gathering with stealth and vigor the public's careless litter.

Mason owes a debt to the countless volunteers from past to present, who have unselfishly given of themselves to make our Town unique. We are grateful for their gifts that have benefited us all. In the future, Mason will continue to count on those who will make a contribution to preserve the thread connecting Mason the Town and Mason the community.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Christopher Quiry D.M.D., Mark Richardson, Anne Richards

TOWN OFFICE HOURS AND MEETINGS

SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Mann House, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 PM
Second & Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Telephone: 878-2070 Fax: 878-4892

TOWN CLERK

Office Hours: Mann House, Tuesday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday Evening 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Last Saturday of the month 10:00 AM - Noon

Telephone: 878-3768 Fax: 878-4892

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 PM
Last Wednesday of the month

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Mann House, 7:00 PM.
Tuesday, by appointment

Telephone: 878-2894

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 PM.
Third Monday of the month

WILTON RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Hours: Tuesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM - 11:45 AM

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR 2 yr term	
Catherine Schwenk	March 2008

TOWN CLERK 3 yr term	
Susan J. Wagoner	March 2008

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	
Dorothy Mitchell, Appointed	March 2008

TREASURER 3 yr term	
Debra Morrison	March 2009

DEPUTY TREASURER	
Patricia A. Greene, Appointed	March 2009

SELECTMEN 3 yr term	
C. Christopher Guiry DMD, Chairman	March 2009
Mark Richardson	March 2010
Anne Richards	March 2008

TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term	
Susan J. Wagoner	March 2008

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	
Dorothy Mitchell, Appointed	March 2008

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term	
Joan Losee, Chairman	March 2008
James DeMarco	March 2010
Jeannine Phalon	March 2012

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term	
Anita Crehan, Appointed	March 2013

LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term	
Robin Smith	March 2010
Lynn McCann	March 2009
Elena Kolbenson	March 2008

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term	
Robert Larochelle	March 2009
Wallace A. Brown	March 2010
Jeannine Phalon	March 2008

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term	
George Schwenk	March 2010
Donald J. Hager III	March 2008
Stuart Sherman	March 2009

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Irene Cook, Chairman	March 2008
Robert Larochelle	March 2008
Gretchen Brown	March 2009
David Profit	March 2008

PLANNING BOARD

Mark McDonald, Chairman	March 2008
Dorothy Millbrandt	March 2009
Bruce Mann	March 2010
Pamela Lassen	March 2009
Linda Cotter-Cranston	March 2009
Joseph McGuire, Alternate	March 2009
C. Christopher Guiry, Ex-officio	

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Tim Kelly, Chairman	March 2010
Michael Davieau	March 2008
Robert Bergeron	March 2010
Timothy Kicza	March 2009
Michael Dulong	March 2008
Winthrop Bennett, Alternate	March 2009
Patricia Letourneau, Alternate & Clerk	March 2009
Mark Richardson, Ex-officio	

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Larochelle, Chairman	March 2009
Robert Dillberger	March 2008
Anna Faiello	March 2008
Elizabeth Fletcher	March 2008
Charles Lanni	March 2009
Paula Babel, Alternate	March 2010
Ann Moser	March 2010
Stuart Sherman	March 2009
Cynthia Hajjar, Alternate	March 2011

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Curtis Dunn	March 2009
Eric Anderson	March 2008
William Downs, Town Forester	
C. Christopher Guiry, Ex-officio	

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Lynn McCann, Chairman	March 2009
Elena Kolbenson	March 2009
Robin Smith	March 2009

BALLOT CLERKS

Pauline Bergeron	March 2009
Rachel Petersen	March 2008
Lauren Mann	March 2009
Florence Wilson	March 2010

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Wallace A. Brown, Chairman	March 2008
Robert Bergeron	March 2008
Bernard O'Grady	March 2008
Jeannine Phalon	March 2008
Kenneth Spacht	March 2008
Mark A. Richardson, Ex-officio	

PUBLIC KINDERGARTEN for the TOWN OF MASON COMMITTEE

Michelle Alton	March 2008
Elena Kolbenson	March 2008
Linda Lannin	March 2008
Lynn McCann	March 2008
Robin Smith	March 2008

POLICE OFFICERS

Barry G. Hutchins	Police Chief
Steven Duval	Patrolman
Aaron Thompson	Patrolman
John LeBlanc, Sr.	Part Time Police Officer
Christian Martino	Part Time Police Officer
Eric Godfrey	Part Time Police Officer
Rosemary Lyons	Police Administrative Assistant
K9 Hunter	

EMERGENCY SERVICES

David P. Cook	Fire Chief/Warden/EMT-D
David Baker	1 st Asst. Chief/Dep. Warden/First Responder
Frederick Greenwood	2 nd asst. Chief/Dep. Warden/First Responder
Robert Bergeron	Fire Engineer/Emergency Man. Director
Roland Theriault	Captain/Deputy Warden
Philip Phalon	1 st Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Donna Richardson	2 nd Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/EMT-D
Anne Richards	Firefighter
Mark Richardson	Firefighter
Christopher Greenwood	Firefighter
Rick Griffith	Firefighter
Stephen Hoffman	Firefighter/EMT-I
Rodney Stedman	Firefighter
Benjamin Harrington	Firefighter/EMT-B
James Deffely	Firefighter
Ken Spacht	Firefighter/EMT-I
Michael Daly	Firefighter

Paul Alton
 Michael McGuire
 Dean Lambert
 Kirk Smith
 Josh Harris
 Cindy Tibbetts
 Jeff Partridge
 Stuart Sherman
 Jeanine Phalon
 Kathy Chapman
 Rebecca Wilson
 Tabitha Davies

Firefighter
 Firefighter/EMT-B
 Firefighter
 Firefighter
 EMT-I
 EMT-D
 EMT-I
 EMT-B
 First Responder
 EMT-B
 EMT-B



David P. Cook
 Kenneth B. Wilson
 Lynn McCann
 Kenneth B. Wilson
 Robert Bergeron
 William Downs
 Wallace Brown

ROAD AGENT
BUILDING INSPECTOR/DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER
HEALTH OFFICER
HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
TOWN FORESTER
SEXTON

MASON TOWN WARRANT **The State of New Hampshire**

The polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at: Mason Town Hall.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Mason, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to come to the polling place at the Town Hall in Mason at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 2008 for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

Selectman	3 years
Moderator	2 years
Town Clerk	3 years
Tax Collector	3 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 years
Trustee of Cemeteries	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years

And to cast your ballots pursuant to Article 2, regarding amending the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Article 5 Section B-4 and Article 3 regarding combining the offices of Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

The polls will be open continuously until 7:00 PM when they shall close. You are hereby notified also to meet at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, the 12th day of March, 2008, and at the same place to act upon Articles of this Warrant.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.

Article 2 was reviewed at public hearings on January 30, 2008.

2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance Article V, Subsection B-4 with the adoption of Petitioned Amendment #1 as proposed by legal voters of the Town of Mason as follows:

Amend Article V, Subsection B-4 to read:

A conventional lot shall be 350 feet of frontage on a class five highway or better and the minimum lot area shall be 174,240 sq. ft. per dwelling unit. By petition. Approved by a majority of the Mason Planning Board. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

3. Is the Town in favor of having the office of town clerk combined with the office of tax collector per RSA 41:45-a, I, thereby creating a new office of town clerk-tax collector to be held by one individual? If this is voted in the affirmative, then at the next annual meeting the Town shall choose by ballot one individual as town clerk-tax collector and such individual shall serve a term of three years. The term of the present individual in office as town clerk or tax collector shall cease and the newly elected town clerk-tax collector shall take office. (Ballot vote required.) Recommended by Selectmen.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million five hundred thirty-five thousand, eight hundred thirty-five dollars (\$1,525,138) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed. Recommended by the Selectmen.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the gross sum of Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to be used only for acquisition in the name of the town of the fee or lesser interest in Conservation land and other costs associated therewith for permanent conservation use, and further to authorize the Selectmen to accept private donations of land, interest in land, or money. This appropriation is contingent upon the receipt of Four hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$420,000) in private donations and other sources of funds. And to further authorize the issuance of not more than Eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Budget Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Said appropriated funds and other funds raised for this Conservation land acquisition may be expended by majority vote of the Mason Conservation Commission. A two thirds (2/3) ballot vote is required. Recommended by the Selectmen.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve, previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) to pay the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) for the costs resulting from the Town of Mason joining NRPC. These costs are primarily administrative costs and costs associated with updating NRPC's Geographic Information System (GIS) database and Regional Travel Demand Model to include the Town of Mason. This will be a non-transferable appropriation per RSA 32:10, I and shall only be used for this express purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand seven hundred dollars (\$8,700) for the following purposes: \$5,000 for a tape and compass survey of town forestlands to include deed research of land for future selective cutting; \$2,500 for the maintenance of the Mason Railroad Trail as fire lane access to the Mason Town forests; \$1,000 for blue bird establishment and view maintenance on land, donated by Bronson Potter, on Greenville Road and \$200 for lecture series for topics covering forestry and ecology management, or take any action thereto. Such funds will come from the Forest

Maintenance Fund, previously established. Recommended by the Selectmen.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) to fund a sales analysis and to adjust inequitable property values, on a universal basis, as created/indicated by market data, for the tax year April 1, 2008. The monies are to come from general taxation, or take any other action relative thereto. (Required by the Department of Revenue to maintain equitable property valuations and certification.) Recommended by the Selectmen.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the support of the activities of Old Home Day to be held in Mason on September 13, 2008, or take any other action relative thereto. By petition. Recommended by the Selectmen.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the purchase of a new copier for the Town Office, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$3,150) for the completion of work on water hole at Mason Fire Station and to authorize the use/transfer from the December 31, 2007 Fund Balance of that amount received from FEMA for the April flood damage. Recommended by the Selectmen.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund, previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from the December 31, 2007 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2007 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen.
15. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Town of Mason K-9 Program Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of establishing a fund for the support of the Mason Police Department K-9 Program, and furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of Five hundred dollars (\$500) to be placed in this fund, and furthermore to appoint the Board of Selectmen and the Police Chief as agents to expend from the Town of Mason K-9 Program Expendable Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of a thermal imaging camera from the Mason Fire Department Association or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize fifty- percent of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A: 25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Land Protection Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A: 5, III as authorized by RSA 79-A: 25, II and the balance (fifty- percent) of the Land Use Change Tax will be deposited into the General Fund. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2008, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the Town meeting. (This article was previously voted at 100% of the Land Use Change Tax deposited into the Land Protection Conservation Fund at the March 2000 Town Meeting.) Recommended by the Selectmen.
18. To see if the Town will vote to modify a restrictive covenant imposed on Tax Map B, Lot 24

on the eastern side of Starch Mill Road, which now provides that there will be no building, structure, or other development on the lot so that the restrictive covenant as modified will provide that there will be no residential building structure or other structures requiring sewage disposal facilities, but that structures such as a garage for motor vehicles, barn, maple sugar house, or shed would be permissible. By petition. Not recommended by the Selectmen.

19. To see if the Town will vote to support the following finding:

Whereas converting unmaintained town roads (Class 6) to town maintained roads (Class 5) can be done either by the Selectmen under RSA 231:8 or by the Town Meeting under RSA 231:22-a, and

Whereas Class 6 roads were originally abandoned as not serving sufficient public need, and

Whereas such conversions impose a long-term obligation on the taxpayers for annual maintenance expenses (about \$10,000 per year per Class 5 mile in 2006), and

Whereas Mason taxpayers already pay to maintain more Class 5 road mileage per household than 76 of the 79 comparable NH towns (2001 study), and

Whereas such conversions by-pass any Planning Board review for compatibility with the town's Master Plan or the needs of the community,

Therefore the Town Meeting concludes that such conversions require broad based public review and respectfully requests that the Selectmen defer such conversion decisions to the Town Meeting under its RSA 231:22-a authority. By petition. Not recommended by the Selectmen.

20. To see if the Town will vote in favor of the withdrawal of the Town of Mason from the Mascenic Regional School District in accordance with RSA 195:25, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.
23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Police Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen.

February 14, 2008	2007	2007	2008 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2007/2008
Appropriations				
Charges for Services				
Income from Departments				
4032 · Fees-Fire Reports	55			
4033 · Fees-Police Reports	150			
4035 · Pistol Permits	210			
4042 · Detail Payments	352			
4044 · Court Fines	400			
Total Income from Departments	1,167			
Total Charges for Services	1,167	700	700	
From Federal Government				
4050 · FEMA	61,270			
Total From Federal Government	61,270	0	0	
From State				
4036 · Shared Revenues	12,078	6,737	6,737	
4037 · Rooms & Meals Tax Distribution	55,377	40,000	45,000	
4038 · Highway Block Grant	61,190	61,190	64,047	
4039 · State & Federal Forest Land Re.	518	518	518	
4040 · OHRV Grant	3,375	3,375	0	
Total From State	132,538	111,820	116,302	
Interfund Operating Tr. In				
4076 · from Special Rev. Funds - For. Com	978		10,500	
4076 · from Trust & Fiduciary Funds	1,000	4,000	1,200	
4077 · Transfers from Con.Com.Funds	22,904	13,000	420,000	
Total Interfund Operating Tr. In	24,881	17,000	431,700	
Licenses, Permits, Fees				
Building Permits				
4024 · Permits, Building	6,004			
4025 · Oil Burner Permits & Others	270			
Total Building Permits	6,274	4,200	5,000	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees				
4020 · M. V. fees	229,906			
4021 · Titles	578			
4022 · M/A stickers	4,378			
4023 · Mail-in registrations	1,739			
Total Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	236,601	215,000	215,000	

February 14, 2008	2007	2007	2008 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2007/2008
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees				
4026-01 · Mail in Dog License	79			
4026 · Dog Licenses	2,479			
4027 · State Dog Fees	972			
6001-07 · State Dog Fees	-922			
4028 · Vital Records	225			
4029 · Fees-BOA	200			
Total 4026-4029	3,033			
4030 · Fees-Planning Board				
4030-01 · Reimbrs. of Civil Engineer	2,803			
4030 · Fees-Planning Board - Other	7,573			
Total 4030 · Fees-Planning Board	10,376			
4034 · Fees-Returned Check	175			
4078 · Exaction Fees-lot A-22	7,800			
Total Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	21,383	15,080	12,500	
Total Licenses, Permits, Fees	264,258	234,280	232,500	
Miscellaneous Revenues				
4061 · Interest Income	10,243	7,400	7,400	
4063 · Donations				
4064 · Police Donations & Gifts	265			
Total 4063 · Donations	265	0	500	
4067 · Other Income	5,021	2,500	3,000	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	15,529	9,900	10,900	
Other Financing Sources				
4080 · Proc. from LongTermBonds,Notes	161,000			
Total Other Financing Sources	161,000	161,000	0	
Revenue-Taxes				
4001 · Land Use Change Taxes	70,445			
6028-03 · CU Penalty -CC	(56,095)			
4002 · Timber Taxes	23,407	15,000	15,000	
4005 · Interest & Penalties on taxes	29,889	29,200	15,000	
4006 · Costs on taxes	1,109	0	250	
Total Revenue-Taxes	68,755			
Total Income	729,399	534,700	792,102	

February 14, 2008	2007	2007	2008 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2007/2008
6031 · Land				
6031-01 · WA # 5 CC Land Purchase	0	0	500,000	WA # 5 CC land
Total 6031 · Land	0	0	500,000	
6032 · Machinery, Veh, & Equip.				
6032-01 · WA # 3 Loader	175,000	175,000		
6032-02 · WA # 9 Purchase Defibs	5,982	6,500		
6032-03 · WA # 10 Purchase Tazers	3,650	3,650		
6032-04 · WA # 13 Polling Booths	1,702	1,875		
WA # 12 Copier			4,000	
Total 6032 · Machinery, Veh, & Equip.	186,334	187,025	4,000	
6034 · Imp. Other Than Buildings				
6034-01 · WA # 11 Pave Parking lot	20,000	20,000		
6034-02 · WA # 12 Record Preservation	2,000	2,000		
6034-03 · WA #14 Bond Interest	1,669	1,669		
WA # 9 Cyclical Update			7,000	
WA # 15 K-9 Program Trust Fund			500	
WA # 13 FEMA -Waterhole*			3,150	
WA # 7 NRPC Membership			10,500	
WA # 8 Forestry Comm.*			8,700	
WA # 11 Old Home Day			5,000	
WA # 14 Cemetery Land*			550	
Total 6034 · Imp. Other Than Buildings	23,669	23,669	35,400	
Total Capital Outlay	210,003	210,694	539,400	
Operating Transfers Out				
6036 · To Capital Reserve Fund				
6036-01 · WA # 8 HWY Const. Cap.Reserv	6,000	6,000	30,000	WA # 6 Hwy Eq
			5,000	WA # 10 Lib. Ca
Total Operating Transfers Out	6,000	6,000	35,000	
Total Capital & Operating Transfers	216,003	216,694	574,400	165%
Conservation				
6028-01 · Conservation Commission Exp.	20,712	500	325	
6028-02 · CC Railroad Trail Maint.	4,034	1,500	1,675	
6029-01 · Town Forests	0	1	1	
Total Conservation	24,746	2,001	2,001	0%
6024 · Parks & Recreation				
6024-01 · Parks Maint.	2,270	2,300	2,500	
6024-02 · Parks Electricity	20	100	100	
6024-03 · Toilet Facilities	98	250	250	
6024-04 · Activities/Rec.Com.	994	700	750	
6025-01 · Town Common Maint.	9,549	6,500	7,000	
6025-02 · TC Payroll Taxes	539	500	536	
6025-03 · TC Workers' Comp.	126	389	159	
Total 6024 · Parks & Recreation	13,595	10,739	11,295	5%

February 14, 2008	2007	2007	2008 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2007/2008
6026 · Library				
6026-01 · Library Salaries	31,306	32,245	34,635	
6026-02 · Lib. Payroll Taxes	2,395	2,467	2,650	
6026-03 · Lib. Workers' Comp.	122	177	159	
6026-04 · Continuing Education	140	550	550	
6026-05 · Travel	256	260	300	
6026-06 · Telephone	788	900	900	
6026-07 · Technology	625	840	840	
6026-08 · Postage	55	100	100	
6026-09 · Supplies	501	500	500	
6026-10 · Dues & Fees	460	600	600	
6026-11 · Programming	235	250	300	
6026-12 · Books	3,115	3,100	3,200	
Total 6026 · Library	39,997	41,989	44,734	7%
6027 · Patriotic Purposes	144	450	450	0%
Total Culture & Recreation	53,736	53,178	56,479	6%
6030-01 · Princ. Long Term Bonds & Notes	47,000	47,000	73,000	55%
6030-02 · Interest Long Term Bonds & Note	18,022	18,022	16,000	-11%
6030-03 · Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	12,477	14,000	14,000	0%
Total Debt Service	77,499	79,022	103,000	30%
General Government				
6000 · Executive				
6000-01 · Selectmen Salaries	2,925	2,925	2,925	
6000-02 · Tax Collector Fees	8,066	7,250	8,050	
Total 6000 · Executive	10,991	10,175	10,975	8%
6001 · Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.				
6001-01 · Moderator	400	500	1,060	
6001-02 · Election Expenses	2,758	3,400	4,100	
6001-03 · Town Clerk	550	550	550	
6001-04 · Town Clerk Fees	8,691	7,000	7,000	
6001-05 · TC/TX Deputy	2,685	6,000	6,000	
6001-06 · Assoc. Dues	40	55	55	
6001-08 · Convention/Education	930	1,600	1,200	
6001-09 · Certification	500	550	550	
6001-10 · Mileage	368	500	500	
6001-11 · Office Supplies	1,158	1,500	1,300	
6001-12 · Postage	1,084	1,100	1,100	
6001-13 · Software Maint./Update	3,163	3,300	3,300	
6001-14 · Telephone & Internet	1,077	950	1,100	
6001-15 · MAAP Conversion	4,000	4,000	3,000	
Total 6001 · Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.	27,403	31,005	30,815	-1%

February 14, 2008	2007	2007	2008 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2007/2008
6002 · Financial Administration				
6002-01 · Treasurer Salaries	550	550	550	
6002-02 · Auditor	7,918	7,600	7,600	
6002-03 · Admin. Salaries	35,000	35,000	36,750	
6002-04 · Part-time Admin.	1,503	5,760	6,500	
6002-05 · Payroll Taxes	4,634	5,626	5,600	
6002-06 · Workers' Comp.	542	900	797	
6002-07 · Retirement Ins.	1,731	1,925	1,900	
6002-08 · Bank Service Charges	269	50	100	
6002-09 · Conferences	35	800	800	
6002-10 · Computer Services	3,567	3,150	3,700	
6002-11 · Software Maint./Update	1,279	1,300	1,310	
6002-12 · Mileage	106	200	200	
6002-13 · Miscellaneous	1,379	300	500	
6002-14 · Postage	878	950	950	
6002-15 · Registry Fees	296	300	300	
6002-16 · Repairs & Maint.-Equipment	446	450	450	
6002-18 · Office Supplies	1,896	2,000	1,800	
6002-19 · Advertising	35	500	250	
6002-20 · Town Office Equipment	2,063	2,800	700	
6002-21 · Telephone	863	950	925	
6002-22 · Town Reports	1,305	1,350	1,200	
6002-23 · Tech Support	1,385	1,000	1,300	
Total 6002 · Financial Administration	67,680	73,461	74,182	1%
6003 · Revaluation of Property				
6003-01 · Assessing	4,105	5,000	5,000	
6003-02 · Tax Map Update	700	700	700	
Total 6003 · Revaluation of Property	4,805	5,700	5,700	0%
6004 · Legal Expenses	9,828	8,000	8,000	0%
6005 · Personnel Administration				
6005-01 · Employer Payroll Taxes	0			
6005-02 · STD & Life Insurance	3,802	4,000	4,100	
6005-03 · Health & Dental Insurance	138,349	144,200	163,020	
6005-04 · Unemployment Taxes	121	121	176	
Total 6005 · Personnel Administration	142,272	148,321	167,296	13%
6006 · Planning & Zoning				
6006-01 · PB Advertising	1,546	600	600	
6006-02 · PB Training	75	80	80	
6006-03 · PB Supplies	315	50	50	
6006-04 · PB Postage	919	400	400	
6006-05 · BOA Salaries	480	720	720	
6006-06 · BOA-Payroll Taxes	0	0	0	
6006-07 · BOA Advertise	96	420	420	
6006-08 · BOA Postage	0	15	30	
6006-09 · BOA Supplies	17	80	80	
6006-10 · BOA Training	124	200	200	
6006-11 · Historic District Expense	0	110	110	
Total 6006 · Planning & Zoning	3,572	2,675	2,690	1%

February 14, 2008	2007	2007	2008 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2007/2008
6007 · Gen. Gov. Buildings				
6007-01 · Custodial Expense	7,870	8,300	8,300	
6007-02 · TB Supplies	1,005	900	1,100	
6007-03 · TB Heat	8,636	7,500	11,000	
6007-04 · TB Electricity	4,008	4,000	4,200	
6007-05 · TB Repairs & Maint.	20,649	16,000	18,500	
6007-06 · Records Preservation			2,000	
Total 6007 · Gen. Gov. Buildings	42,167	36,700	45,100	23%
6008 · Cemeteries				
6008-01 · Cem. Maintenance	2,602	2,000	2,500	
6008-02 · Cem. Salaries	10,219	10,000	10,200	
6008-03 · Cem. Payroll Taxes	583	770	780	
6008-04 · Cem. Workers' Comp.	341	389	159	
Total 6008 · Cemeteries	13,745	13,159	13,639	4%
6009 · Insurance				
6009-01 · LGC-PLIT	21,020	23,000	23,000	
Total 6009 · Insurance	21,020	23,000	23,000	0%
6010 · Advertising & Assoc.				
6010-01 · SWRPC/NRPC	6,432	5,600	6,000	
Total 6010 · Advertising & Assoc.	6,432	5,600	6,000	7%
6011 · Other Gen. Gov.				
6011-01 · LGC Membership	937	935	997	
6011-02 · Abatements & Refunds	101,721	0	0	
Total 6011 · Other Gen. Gov.	102,658	935	997	7%
Total General Government	452,574	358,731	388,394	8%
Health				
6022-01 · Health Officer	2,500	25	25	0%
6022-02 · Animal Control	95	1,000	1,000	0%
6022-03 · Health Agencies, Visiting Nurse	1,500	1,500	1,500	0%
Total Health	4,095	2,525	2,525	0%

February 14, 2008	2007	2007	2008 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2007/2008
Highways & Streets				
6018 · Highway Town Maintenance				
6018-01 · Road Agent Salary	50,300	50,305	52,805	
6018-02 · Asst. Road Agent Salary	37,880	39,678	41,594	
6018-03 · Equip. Operator I	37,785	38,039	39,856	
6018-04 · Equip. Operator II	37,941	37,814	39,623	
6018-05 · Other Salaries	52,820	49,554	52,025	
6018-06 · Overtime Wages	18,690	20,084	21,147	
6018-07 · Hwy Payroll Taxes	18,506	18,014	18,901	
6018-08 · Hwy Workers' Comp.	12,126	11,000	9,407	
6018-09 · Hwy Retirement	8,162	9,400	9,700	
6018-10 · Hwy Mileage	472	500	500	
6018-11 · Drug & Alc. Testing	215	500	600	
6018-12 · Consulting Engineer	2,896	1,000	1,000	
6018-13 · Paved Road Restoration	38,278	80,000	80,000	
6018-14 · Patch	3,602	3,500	4,000	
6018-15 · Culverts	2,474	3,500	4,000	
6018-16 · Calcium Chloride	14,401	17,280	17,280	
6018-17 · Signs & Rewards	1,180	1,200	1,200	
6018-18 · Plowing	17,525	14,400	17,280	
6018-19 · Salt	11,920	9,800	10,090	
6018-20 · Flood Repair	21,198	0	0	
6018-21 · FEMA Flood Repair	44,550	0	0	
6018-22 · FEMA-Other Salaries	6,873	0	0	
Total 6018 · Highway Town Maintenance	439,791	405,568	421,008	4%
6019 · Hwy Dept. Expenses				
6019-01 · Building Maint.	12,945	6,000	6,500	
6019-02 · Electricity	3,049	3,500	3,500	
6019-03 · Telephone	2,124	2,600	2,600	
6019-04 · Dues & Education	640	2,000	2,000	
6019-05 · Equip. Maint.	33,968	32,000	33,000	
6019-06 · Edges for Plowing	4,462	5,000	5,500	
6019-07 · Tires	3,984	5,000	5,000	
6019-08 · Chains	2,397	1,000	1,000	
6019-09 · Chainsaw Repairs	198	350	350	
6019-10 · Radios	823	1,400	1,500	
6019-11 · Welding Equipment	1,202	900	1,500	
6019-12 · Safety Equipment	1,236	1,700	1,700	
6019-13 · Tools	2,087	1,500	1,500	
6019-14 · Fuel	44,223	35,000	41,000	
6019-15 · Vehicle Lease	21,873	21,930	0	
6019-16 · Hwy Veh. & Equipment	0	0	0	
6019-17 · FEMA-Equipment Maintenance	6,696	0	0	
Total 6019 · Hwy Dept. Expenses	141,906	119,880	106,650	-11%
6020 · Street Lighting	886	900	900	
Total Highways & Streets	582,583	526,348	528,558	0%

February 14, 2008	2007	2007	2008 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2007/2008
Public Safety				
6012 · Police Department				
6012-01 · Full-Time Salaries	126,274	140,853		
Police Chief Salary			54,081	
First Patrolman Salary			45,432	
Second Patrolman Salary			36,761	
On Call Payment			10,600	
6012-02 · Part-time Salaries	27,133	33,354	34,363	
6012-03 · Overtime Wages	19,397	12,000	14,000	
6012-04 · Prosecutor	7,500	7,500	7,500	
6012-05 · Payroll Taxes	4,238	4,770	4,962	
6012-06 · Workers' Comp.	4,185	4,975	4,463	
6012-07 · Retirement	16,377	14,800	18,983	
6012-08 · Detail Expenses	800	1	1	
6012-09 · OHRV Grant Detail	3,375	0	0	
6012-10 · OHRV Fines-Expense	0	0	0	
6012-11 · Conventions & Dues	425	750	750	
6012-12 · Office Expenses	8,653	5,200	5,500	
6012-13 · Uniforms	4,913	2,500	2,500	
6012-14 · Equip. & Maint.	4,541	3,500	3,500	
K-9 Maintenance			1,500	
6012-15 · Training	2,179	3,000	3,000	
6012-16 · Cruiser lease	9,602	10,000	9,602	
6012-17 · Cruiser Maint.	4,175	4,500	4,500	
6012-18 · Cruiser Fuel	9,117	10,000	10,000	
6012-19 · Expense-Offset Donation	265		0	
Total 6012 · Police Department	253,148	257,703	271,998	6%
6013 · Ambulance	8,600	9,030	9,500	5%
6014 · Fire Department				
6014-01 · Fire Chief's Salary	1,600	1,600	1,600	
6014-02 · FD Stipend	7,550	7,550	7,550	
Part-time Secretary			2,000	
Payroll Tax			153	
6014-03 · FD Workers' Comp.	561	884	797	
6014-04 · Officers' Expenses	2,692	2,000	2,000	
6014-05 · Hep.B Vac.	140	300	300	
6014-06 · Insurance	0	250	250	
6014-07 · Training	3,093	3,100	2,750	
6014-08 · Expendables	911	900	1,000	
6014-09 · Building Maint.	4,262	4,000	4,000	
6014-10 · Electricity	2,448	2,400	2,500	
6014-11 · Heat	2,421	2,800	3,000	
6014-12 · Telephone	1,095	1,400	1,200	
6014-13 · Radio Repair	1,599	1,800	2,000	
6014-14 · Code Books	325	200	200	
6014-15 · Vehicle Maint.	5,691	5,000	5,000	
6014-16 · Fuel	1,737	1,700	2,000	
6014-17 · Equip. Maint.	4,851	6,500	6,500	
6014-18 · FD Tanker Lease	27,510	27,510	27,510	
6014-19 · EMS Supplies	1,867	1,500	2,000	
6014-20 · EMS Training	2,384	2,800	2,000	
6014-21 · Insurance Settlement	-3,421	0	0	
6014-22 · Ins. Settlement Work	3,421	0	0	
Total 6014 · Fire Department	72,735	74,194	76,310	3%

February 14, 2008	2007	2007	2008 Proposed	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Budget	2007/2008
6015 · Building Inspection				
6015-01 · Bldg. Insp. Fees	10,933	13,560	16,274	
6015-02 · BI Payroll Taxes	836	1,038	1,245	
6015-03 · BI Mileage	910	1,125	1,053	
6015-04 · BI Expenses	1,314	950	1,375	
Total 6015 · Building Inspection	13,993	16,673	19,947	20%
6016 · Emergency Management	0	100	100	0%
6017 · Other (incl. Comm.)				
6017-01 · Communications	16,951	19,500	19,500	
6017-02 · Waterhole Maint.	0	500	500	
Total 6017 · Other (incl. Comm.)	16,951	20,000	20,000	0%
Total Public Safety	365,427	377,700	397,855	5%
Sanitation				
6021-01 · Wilton Recycling	45,600	45,601	45,326	
Total Sanitation	45,600	45,601	45,326	-1%
Welfare				
6023-01 · Town Poor	0	2,000	1,000	-50%
Total Operating Expenses	1,606,260	1,447,106	1,525,138	5%
Total Capital & Operating Expenses	1,822,264	1,663,800	2,099,538	26%
Other Assessments				
6037 · School District Assessment	1,694,799			
6038 · Hillsborough County	178,007			

*Not from taxation; from fund balance and/or other funds

TOWN OF MASON

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance

For the year ended December 31, 2007

REVENUES:	2007	2006	2005
Highway Block Grant	61,190	63,392	64,974
Shared revenue	12,078	12,078	6,039
Other state grants	518	549	563
Property taxes	2,868,367	2,799,008	2,441,929
Yield taxes	23,407	32,921	14,074
Land use change taxes	70,445	59,990	42,270
Motor vehicle fees	236,601	253,406	245,902
Penalties and interest	30,998	12,024	23,262
Licenses and permits	6,709	8,418	13,666
Fees	18,756	15,208	
Interest income	10,243	13,613	5,385
Dog licenses	3,530	2,687	2,619
Detail Payments, Fines & Grants	4,127	4,807	2,255
Rooms & Meals Tax	55,377	50,585	51,946
Police Station Bond	0	300,000	
Loader Bond	161,000		
Conservation Commission	22,904	2,155	38,785
Forestry Committee	978	5,022	0
FEMA Funds	61,270	0	10,722
Homeland Security Funds	0	0	5,180
Donations (Memorial & Other)	265	515	1,719
Other	6,258	25,148	6,646
Total revenues	3,655,021	3,661,525	2,977,936
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	463,452	626,052	279,725
Cemeteries	13,745	14,950	9,628
Public safety	376,729	349,872	335,229
Highways	763,583	540,458	534,520
Sanitation	45,600	45,926	37,940
Health & Welfare	4,095	2,500	13,476
Education	1,694,799	1,699,995	1,557,259
Culture and recreation	134,577	124,497	148,036
Debt service	77,499	38,058	33,112
County taxes	178,007	168,397	157,840
Total expenditures	3,752,086	3,610,704	3,106,765
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	(97,065)	50,820	(128,829)
Other financing sources:			
Interfund transfers	1,000	13,383	72,006
Unexpended encumbrances	53,774	10,309	589
	54,774	23,691	72,595
Excess (deficit) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing	(42,292)	74,511	(56,234)
Fund balance beginning	562,621	488,110	544,344
Fund balance ending	520,330	562,621	488,110

TOWN OF MASON
Combined Balance Sheet
At December 31, 2007

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Consrv Comm	Forestry Comittee	All Funds
Cash	\$988,404	\$71,491	\$166,636	\$255,499	\$71,027	\$1,553,057
Debit Memo	\$0					\$0
Deeded property	\$31,642					\$31,642
Unredeemed taxes	\$89,459					\$89,459
Uncollected taxes	\$246,984					\$246,984
Total assets	\$1,356,489	\$71,491	\$166,636	\$255,499	\$71,027	\$1,921,142

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Accounts Payable	\$122					\$122
Escrow funds	\$2,507					\$2,507
Encumbrances	\$16,530					\$16,530
Payroll taxes payab	\$5					\$5
Due to schools	\$816,995					\$816,995
Total liabilities	\$836,159	0	0	0	0	\$836,159

Fund balances	\$520,330	\$71,491	\$166,636	\$255,499	\$71,027	\$1,084,983
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$1,356,489	\$71,491	\$166,636	\$255,499	\$71,027	\$1,921,142

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 2007	\$1,013,291
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	\$240,682
Tax Collector	\$2,933,476
Selectmen	\$484,549
Interest income TD Banknorth	\$8,332
Interest income NHPDIP	\$886
Interest income Bank of NH PoolPlus	\$1,025
Tax Anticipation Loans	\$930,000
Total cash available	\$5,612,241
Selectmen's orders paid	\$3,127,652
Payroll disbursements	\$553,708
Tax anticipation loans repaid	\$930,000
Interest on tax anticipation loan	\$12,477
Total monies paid out	\$4,623,837
Cash on hand, December 31, 2007	\$988,404

Debra Morrison
Treasurer

TOWN OF MASON BONDS

Fire Truck - Principal Muni Bond

Period	Outstanding Principal		Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
15-Feb-00			4.50%	\$5,458.21	\$5,458.21	
15-Aug-00	\$196,213	\$16,213	4.50%	\$4,839.70	\$21,052.79	\$26,511.00
15-Feb-01			4.50%	\$4,475.00	\$4,475.00	
15-Aug-01	180,000	20,000	4.50%	\$4,475.00	\$24,475.00	\$28,950.00
15-Feb-02			5.00%	\$4,025.00	\$4,025.00	
15-Aug-02	160,000	20,000	5.00%	\$4,025.00	\$24,025.00	\$28,050.00
15-Feb-03			5.00%	\$3,525.00	\$3,525.00	
15-Aug-03	140,000	20,000	5.00%	\$3,525.00	\$23,525.00	\$27,050.00
15-Feb-04			5.00%	\$3,025.00	\$3,025.00	
15-Aug-04	120,000	20,000	5.00%	\$3,025.00	\$23,025.00	\$26,050.00
15-Feb-05			5.00%	\$2,525.00	\$2,525.00	
15-Aug-05	100,000	20,000	5.00%	\$2,525.00	\$25,525.00	\$25,050.00
15-Feb-06			5.00%	\$2,025.00	\$2,025.00	
15-Aug-06	80,000	20,000	5.00%	\$2,025.00	\$22,525.00	\$24,050.00
15-Feb-07			5.00%	\$1,525.00	\$1,525.00	
15-Aug-07	60,000	20,000	5.00%	\$1,525.00	\$21,525.00	\$23,050.00
15-Feb-08			5.00%	\$1,025.00	\$1,025.00	
15-Aug-08	40,000	20,000	5.00%	\$1,025.00	\$21,025.00	\$22,050.00
15-Feb-09			5.00%	\$525.00	\$525.00	
15-Aug-09	20,000	20,000	5.25%	\$525.00	\$20,525.00	\$21,050.00
Totals	\$196,213			\$55,648.00	\$251,861.00	\$251,861.00

Police Station - Principal Muni Bond

Period	Outstanding Principal		Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
15-Feb-07				\$7,972.22	\$7,972.22	
15-Aug-07	\$292,000	\$27,000	5.00%	\$7,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$41,972.22
15-Feb-08				\$6,325.00	\$6,325.00	
15-Aug-08	265,000	30,000	5.00%	\$6,325.00	\$36,325.00	\$42,650.00
15-Feb-09				\$5,575.00	\$5,575.00	
15-Aug-09	235,000	30,000	5.00%	\$5,575.00	\$35,575.00	\$41,150.00
15-Feb-10				\$4,825.00	\$4,825.00	
15-Aug-10	205,000	30,000	4.00%	\$4,825.00	\$34,825.00	\$39,650.00
15-Feb-11				\$4,225.00	\$4,225.00	
15-Aug-11	175,000	30,000	4.00%	\$4,225.00	\$34,225.00	\$38,450.00
15-Feb-12				\$3,625.00	\$3,625.00	
15-Aug-12	145,000	30,000	5.00%	\$3,625.00	\$33,625.00	\$37,250.00
15-Feb-13				\$2,875.00	\$2,875.00	
15-Aug-13	115,000	30,000	5.00%	\$2,875.00	\$32,875.00	\$35,750.00
15-Feb-14				\$2,125.00	\$2,125.00	
15-Aug-14	85,000	30,000	5.00%	\$2,125.00	\$32,125.00	\$34,250.00
15-Feb-15				\$1,375.00	\$1,375.00	
15-Aug-15	55,000	30,000	5.00%	\$1,375.00	\$31,375.00	\$32,750.00
15-Feb-16				\$625.00	\$625.00	
15-Aug-16	25,000	25,000	5.00%	\$625.00	\$25,625.00	\$26,250.00
Totals	\$292,000			\$78,122.22	\$370,122.22	\$370,122.22

Highway Loader - Principal Muni Bond

Period	Outstanding Principal		Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
1-May-08	\$161,000	\$23,000	4.00%	\$6,332.67	\$29,332.67	\$29,332.67
1-May-09	138,000	23,000	4.00%	\$5,520.00	\$28,520.00	\$28,520.00
1-May-10	115,000	23,000	4.00%	\$4,600.00	\$27,600.00	\$27,600.00
1-May-11	92,000	23,000	4.00%	\$3,680.00	\$26,680.00	\$26,680.00
1-May-12	69,000	23,000	4.00%	\$2,760.00	\$25,760.00	\$25,760.00
1-May-13	45,000	23,000	4.00%	\$1,840.00	\$24,840.00	\$24,840.00
1-May-14	23,000	23,000	4.00%	\$920.00	\$23,920.00	\$23,920.00
Totals	\$161,000			\$25,652.67	\$186,652.67	\$186,652.67

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Improved & Unimproved Land	\$63,513,200.00
Assessed Value of Current Use Land	\$815,035.00
Conservation Restriction Assessment	\$20,801.00
Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)	\$102,760,000.00
Public Utilities (PSNH)	\$1,720,100.00
Valuations Before Exemptions	<u>\$168,829,136.00</u>

EXEMPTIONS

Elderly Exemptions	\$530,000.00
Solar Exemptions	\$7,400.00
	<u>\$537,400.00</u>

NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE**\$168,291,736.00****NET VALUE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX RATE (LESS UTILITIES)****\$166,571,636.00****WAR SERVICE TAX CREDIT**

Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed in action.....	Limit	No.	Credits
	\$2,000	2	\$4,000
All Other Qualified Persons.....	\$500	65	\$32,500

2007 TAX RATE

Town	\$6.10
County	\$1.05
State Education	\$2.27
School	\$7.83
Total Rate	\$17.25

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report

It has been our pleasure to serve the residents of Mason this past year. We would like to summarize some of the developments during 2007.

Mason was one of the first towns to sign up to take part in the Federal Records Preservation grant program. Because of this grant we now have all our marriage, birth and death records organized in acid proof boxes and stored in a new fireproof cabinet. There was funding also available to have some of the older records professionally restored.

The mail-in registration program for vehicles and dogs continues to be popular. We would like to remind residents to make sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope when using the mail-in service for vehicles or dogs.

For 2007 we licensed 425 dogs. The rabies clinic was successful and was the only nice weekend in between two rainy weekends. A reminder that all dogs must be licensed no later than May 31 to avoid late fees and civil forfeiture penalties. As long as we have current rabies information, you can license your dog(s) via mail. We have submitted the contract to go on-line with the Department of Safety. Our target date is July 2008. In August I successfully completed my Tax Collector certification class and received my certification. We went on-line with Vital Records in September. This will allow us to create certified copies from the public database for marriages, births and deaths that occurred in other towns. We established an email notification service to provide information on voting, dogs and taxes.

Susan Wagoner, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Dee Mitchell, Deputy

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 2007	\$69
Cash received:	
Dog Licenses	2,479
Mail In Fees	1,818
Automobile registrations	229,906
Title fees	578
Filing fees	2
Returned checks	150
Vital fees	321
State dog fees	972
Overpay	78
Municipal agent fees	4,378
Total cash received	240,682
Cash remitted to Treasurer	240,682
Cash on hand, December 31, 2007	\$69

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Wagoner
Town Clerk



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2007

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		2007	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2006	2005	2004+
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	\$ 312,501.01	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,377.56
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	\$ 3,185.61	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
		xxxxxx			
		xxxxxx			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 2,868,367.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 70,445.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 23,406.61	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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OVERPAYMENTS

Remaining From Prior Year		\$ 0.00			
New This Fiscal Year		\$ 424.39			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 652.36	\$ 13,465.78	\$ 2,252.81	\$ 242.46
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 2,963,295.36	\$ 329,152.40	\$ 11,352.81	\$ 1,620.02

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2007

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	2007	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2006	2005	2004+
Property Taxes	\$ 2,627,940.83	\$ 206,807.35	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 46,995.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 23,187.25	\$ 2,833.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$ 652.36	\$ 13,465.78	\$ 2,252.81	\$ 242.46
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 72,660.84	\$ 0.00	\$ 688.78
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	\$ 0.00			

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$ 11.81	\$ 33,385.20	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$ 240,414.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 688.78
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 219.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Remaining Overpayments - Prior Yrs.	\$ 0.00			
Remaining Overpayments - This Year	\$ 0.00			
This Years' Overpayments Returned	\$ 424.39			
Prior Years' Overpayments Returned	\$ 0.00			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 2,963,295.36	\$ 329,152.40	\$ 11,352.81	\$ 1,620.02

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of MASON Year Ending 12/31/2007

DEBITS

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2007	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2006	2005	2004+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 65,197.19	\$ 39,329.30
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 79,774.46	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg. of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 0.00	\$ 510.99	\$ 4,817.93	\$ 9,308.97
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$ 0.00	\$ 80,285.45	\$ 70,015.12	\$ 48,638.27

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2007	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2006	2005	2004+
Redemptions		\$ 0.00	\$ 15,129.68	\$ 17,451.20	\$ 13,250.23
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 510.99	\$ 4,817.93	\$ 9,308.97
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 0.00	\$ 931.24	\$ 26,613.11	\$ 21,466.90
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 63,713.54	\$ 21,132.88	\$ 4,612.17
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS		\$ 0.00	\$ 80,285.45	\$ 70,015.12	\$ 48,638.27

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? _____

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Susan J. Wagoner

REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	PRINCIPAL			INTEREST			TOTAL	
	Beginning Balance	Fnds Created (Expended)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Receipts (Disbursals)	Ending Balance	Fund Balance
TRUST FUNDS								
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$11,063.07	\$14,314.78	\$1,229.30		\$15,544.08	\$26,607.15
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$10,469.36	\$15,901.52	\$974.34	(\$2,500.00)	\$14,375.86	\$24,845.22
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$24,778.67	\$1,100.00	\$25,878.67	\$1,576.53	\$1,249.83	(\$1,000.00)	\$1,826.36	\$27,705.03
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$3,809.87	\$550.00	\$4,359.87	\$2,691.09	\$301.59		\$2,992.68	\$7,352.55
Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$23,798.27	\$2,227.29		\$26,025.56	\$51,025.56
Whitaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$10,808.07	\$302.42	\$526.04	(\$150.00)	\$678.46	\$11,486.53
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildre	\$9,966.62		\$9,966.62	\$6,819.39	\$494.08		\$7,313.47	\$17,280.09
Steinberg/Budrewicz Recreation	\$223.00		\$223.00	\$100.68	\$10.06		\$100.68	\$323.68
Recreation-Playground								
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$96,118.66	\$1,650.00	\$97,768.66	\$65,504.68	\$7,012.53	(\$3,650.00)	\$68,867.21	\$166,635.87
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS								
Highway Capital Equipment				\$633.38	\$24.70		\$658.08	\$658.08
Fire Equipment				\$2,973.41	\$150.82		\$3,124.23	\$3,124.23
Library Building	\$37,000.00		\$37,000.00	\$15,116.28	\$2,363.30		\$17,479.58	\$54,479.58
Highway Construction	\$5,569.00	\$6,000.00	\$11,569.00	\$1,398.86	\$260.93		\$1,659.79	\$13,228.79
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUN	\$42,569.00	\$6,000.00	\$48,569.00	\$20,121.93	\$2,799.75	\$0.00	\$22,921.68	\$71,490.68
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$138,687.66	\$7,650.00	\$146,337.66	\$85,626.61	\$9,812.28	(\$3,650.00)	\$91,788.89	\$238,126.55

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief:

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Donald Hager 199
George Schwenk
Stuart Sherman

MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The winter of 2006-2007 was marked by 25 storms that required the Highway Department to plow and/or treat the roads. Although it seemed like a mild winter, there was still plenty to do. On April 15, a small snow accumulation turned into a heavy rainstorm that ended up giving us approximately 5.5 inches of rain. The resulting flood washed out or damaged almost every road in town. Some of the damage was minor, while most was moderate to severe. Several town roads were impassable and remained closed for up to 4 months. The worst washouts were on Batchelder Road, Jackson Road, Pratt Pond Road, Cascade Road, Jeds Lane, and Old Ashby Road. Also damaged and partially repaired by the Highway Department, was the Mason Railroad Trail.

The Highway Department started working as soon as the water stopped running to get at least one route in to every house as soon as possible. With the help of some local contractors' trucks and equipment, this was accomplished within one week. The only road that remained closed was Jackson Road. There was a large stone culvert that had become blocked and washed out the road. The permanent repairs started with an inspection of the damage with state officials. The state gathered info to ask that the damaged areas be declared a federal disaster area, which it was. As with any involvement from the federal government, there was a copious amount of paperwork. In the end, FEMA came through with \$61,270 for road repairs, which was 75% of what they thought the damage was. With the addition of some town money, the repairs were completed, with the exception of the repairs to the Fire Station driveway and water hole. The major holdup on this project and the replacement on the Jackson Road culvert was applying for and waiting for the appropriate wetland permits from the Department of Environmental Services. With the help of Liz Fletcher and the Conservation Commission, we finally received the permits to go ahead with the Jackson Road culvert. The permit for the Fire Station arrived after the fall rains had begun, and the once dry pond had been refilled.

Along with the flood repair, we continued our regular road maintenance of the paved roads. This included patching and re-paving a portion of Wilton Road. As the dirt roads were put back into place, they were graded and raked back into shape. Many of the 300 plus culverts and water passes were dug out from the flood and as part of our regular maintenance program.

As fall approached and we were able to see how we were doing financially, the paved roads that were damaged were repaired with hot mix pavement. We were also able to mow most of the roadside brush, which continues to grow prolifically.

The list of people to thank for assisting with the flood is large so please bear with me. First I must thank the Mason Highway Department crew for their hard work. Thank you to the Mason Selectmen for their support and help.

A huge thanks to the Administrative Assistant, Barbara Milkovits for her help with everything from paperwork to manning the phones.

Thanks also to:

Mason Police Department

Mason Fire Department

Mason Building Inspector, Ken Wilson

Thanks to the following contractors for dropping everything and coming to help us with road repairs: Bernie O'Grady, Nathan Archambault, Stanley Brown, Jerry Farwell

And finally a big Thank-You to all the Mason residents who helped us in so many ways with their patience and understanding during this process!

Hopefully in 2008 we can get back on track for our regular summer maintenance programs. We hope to re-pave a section of Brookline Road, from Depot Road towards Brookline. This will

include cutting some tree limbs and brush to open up site distance as well as getting it out of the way for the trucks and equipment, and ditching and culvert cleaning to aid with drainage. We also plan to have a crusher come in to make some crushed gravel for our dirt roads.

One final note, Please remember if you must plow the snow from your driveway across the road, clean up after yourself for the safety of the motorists driving by.

We are asking for some money to try and replace some of our aging fleet of trucks that are rusting out from under us. One truck that needs to be replaced is the 1972 Ford that we got from the Fire Department. It has served the town well over its life as a fire truck, then a dump truck, and finally as a sander.

Thank you for your support.
Sincerely submitted,
Road Agent David P. Cook

Mason Highway Department Roster

Full Time

David P. Cook	Road Agent
David Morrison	Asst. Road agent
Charles Buttrick	Mechanic/Equipment Operator
Fred Greenwood	Equipment Operator

Part Time

Wally Brown	Cemeteries/Town Commons/Town Buildings
Bill Downs	Equipment operator/driver

Seasonal/fill in

Curt Dunn	Equipment operator
Roland Theriault	Driver
Chris Greenwood	Equipment Operator/Driver
Dennis Eastman	Equipment Operator/Driver
Ken English	Driver/Labor

MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT

2007 was the first full year that the Police Department spent in the new station. The space has taken some getting used to but it was well needed and appreciated. The two main issues with our previous station were the lack of acceptable evidence storage and custodial issues. We now have evidence storage procedures that are accepted in criminal proceedings. We are also now able to ensure that all juveniles are kept in complete separation from adults that are in custody, which is a requirement of all departments in the state. We had five burglaries reported in 2007, with three of them being linked to two subjects that were arrested in the State of Massachusetts for burglary. These individuals will be prosecuted in New Hampshire as soon as Massachusetts has completed their process.

I would like to welcome our new Administrative Assistant Rose Lyons to the Department along with Officers Eric Godfrey and Aaron Thompson. Rose is a great asset to the Department as she has spent several years working with law enforcement administration and also as a dispatch center supervisor for the State of New Hampshire. These responsibilities were previously handled by the Town Administrative Assistant Barbara Milkovits while the Department was located within the Mann House. Barbara's assistance was greatly appreciated. Officer Godfrey came to the Department with a great deal of experience. The majority of Officer Godfrey's experience came

from the United States Army. Officer Godfrey was deployed to Iraq in September of 2007 and is expected to remain deployed for approximately one year. Officer Thompson has been in law enforcement for about 19 years and is doing a great job getting to know the Town of Mason.

K9 Hunter has continued to be an asset within the Department. He was responsible for the seizing of over a pound of marijuana in one incident along with several other cocaine and heroin seizures. Each incident that K9 Hunter alerted on drugs resulted in a person in possession of a controlled drug being taken off of the roads in the Town of Mason. This means a safer environment for all of us. Four individuals fled on foot from officers in 2007 with three of them being located by the Department K9. One subject began to run but when the K9 was heard the person turned back and gave up without incident. Another subject was believed to be suicidal and in possession of a 30-30 rifle. Multiple shots were fired by the subject into the woods but the Department was able to take him into custody safely with the assistance of K9 Hunter as he tracked the person and alerted on his location before the man was seen by officers. The K9 team has certified twice in 2007 with the United States Police Canine Association. This shows that the team is maintained at an acceptable level of competence that results in a reduced amount of liability for the Town. In the past, an officer had to wait close to an hour at times when a K9 was needed and that was, if one was available. Now a K9 can be on scene in about ten minutes in most cases, as the team lives in Mason. When a child is lost, ten minutes versus an hour is a lifetime. We thankfully had no children lost in 2007 but it is comforting to know that the resources of a K9 are immediately accessible if needed. I would like to say thanks to Boy Scout Troop #264 who have graciously lost themselves multiple times for the benefit of the K9 team's training in tracking. I am proud to say that we have never left a boy scout lost in the woods. I am asking for your support of the K9 program as I firmly believe that the K9 not only provides an invaluable service to the Town of Mason but also provides an immediate back up to the handler. The K9 works night shifts which are historically when officers meet with resistance. I am requesting two changes to the Department budget that are relative to the K9 program. In order to make the program clear we have created a line item that will cover expenses such as food, veterinarian treatment and equipment for the K9. I am also asking that you support the creation of an expendable trust fund that will enable the Department to accept donations as well as allocated funds from the town when approved. This fund will hopefully be the means of continuing this program into the future. I have had several people offer donations to the program but have had no place for the funds to be deposited and held indefinitely until needed. The K9 fund will provide the ability to save these funds.

Our jobs are virtually impossible to do without your assistance. I am thankful that the residents of Mason have always been cooperative with an understanding of law enforcement. This cooperation is what I believe makes Mason the safe community that it is.

Respectfully submitted,

Police Chief Barry G. Hutchins

Police K9 Hunter and Second Grade Class

Mason Elementary School

Photo by Principal Richard O'Donnell



MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

2007 was another busy year for the Mason Fire-Ems Department. We were called for three significant incidents during the past year.

The first was a flood on April 15, 2007. The Department moved all equipment to the town hall parking lot to escape the rising water. There was one incident the Department responded to, to pick up a person stranded by the high water. As the water receded later in the day, the equipment was moved back to the station. There was some damage to the parking lot and the water hole at the station that needs to be addressed.

On August 5, we were called to Greenville Road for a fire in an indoor riding arena. With the help of mutual aid tankers, we were able to save two thirds of the building, as well as 7 horses that were in their stalls.

Then on August 27, we were called to Brookline Road for a piece of logging equipment that was on fire. This turned out to be approx. ½ mile into the woods. We were able to stop the brush fire with our manpower and our brush truck. This situation was monitored overnight by two special deputy wardens, and the following day we went back in with two all wheel drive forestry vehicles, one from Hollis, and one from Greenville to finish mopping up the fire.

The members of the Department again helped to keep the equipment in great shape by doing minor repairs and maintenance work.

I would like to thank the members of the Department for taking time away from their families and jobs to train to handle emergencies, and to answer calls for help.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief David P. Cook

Fire calls for 2007

Automobile Crashes	21	Alarm Activation	3
Brush Fires	3	Chimney Fires	3
Mutual Aid Received	12	Mutual Aid Given	14
CO Detector	1	Illegal Burn	3
Smoke Investigation	2	Structure Fire	2
Clothes Dryer	1	Transformer Fire	1
Boiler Explosion	1	Flood Standby	1
LP Gas leak	1	Poss. Plane Crash	1
Total calls	58	Total man-hours	1346.5
Total Training Hours		1041	

Mason First Responders

This year the Department welcomed some new members as First Responders. This year the state is requiring that all EMS personal become EMTs. One of our personnel has already taken the EMT class. The other four who are at the "First Responder" level will be taking the class in the fall of 2008 to comply. The costs of training and supplies continue to climb. Members attended outside training seminars including water rescue, wilderness rescue, pediatric emergencies, stroke emergencies, and street drugs.

We continue to train with the Brookline Ambulance Service, who transports patients for Mason. This builds teamwork between the departments that assists us to provide great EMS service for the town. I need to thank the members of the Department for their time and dedication. I would like to thank the Brookline Ambulance service for their fine service, and their director for all of his help over the course of the year.

Motor vehicle Crashes	20	Falls	8
Diabetic Emergencies	1	Cardiac	2
Nose Bleed	1	Fainting	3
CO Exposure	1	Stroke	1
Home illness	5	Lift assist	3
Difficulty breathing	7	Cardiac arrest	1
Drug overdose	1	Dr. ordered transport	2
Fire standby	4	Seizure	1
Assault	1	Nail gun accident	1
Insect bite	1		
Total calls	64		
Assault	1		
Total calls	70		

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief David P. Cook

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Mason Planning Board conducted the following hearings this year:

Subdivisions

Hearing	Applicant	Location	Number	
			Lots	Proposed
				Approved/Denied
07-01	Howard M. Turner	Brookline Rd.	10	Denied
07-03	Peterman Realty Trust II	Townsend Rd.	2	w/draw w/o prejudice
06-12 (06-09)	David and Teri Parker	Brookline Rd.	4	Approved
07-05	Chandler and Maillet	Campbell Mill Rd.	3	Approved
07-07	Lipin and Ellis	Scripps Ln.	9	Approved
07-09	Peterman Realty Trust	Brookline Rd.	2	Approved
07-08	Howard M. Turner	Brookline Rd.	9	Approved
07-10	Grant	Starch Mill and Abbot Hill Rds.	2	Approved

Net New Lots

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Lot Line Adjustments

Hearing	Applicant	Approved/Denied
07-02	Fred and Anita Andersen – Scripps Lane	Approved
07-02.5	Bronson Potter Estate	Approved
07-06	Peter and Sharon Swart	Approved
07-07	Lipin and Ellis	Approved
07-09	Peterman Realty Trust	Approved
07-14	Cynthia Hajjar	Approved

Site Plan Reviews

There were no site plan reviews conducted in 2007.

It has been another busy year for the Mason Planning board. In addition to the above activities, reflecting yet another yearly increase in the number of new lots, we completed and publicly reviewed the master plan on October 17th, 2007. This was a monumental effort led by Dotsie Millbrandt in conjunction with the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, spanning several years and involving multiple town boards and committees. Now that we have completed the master plan, we plan to raise and address some of the identified issues and concerns, including a plan to ensure reasonable commercial growth.

I want to thank all the members and alternates of the Mason Planning Board for volunteering their hard work, dedication, and years of experience, often staying very late into the evening to thoroughly hear every application on the agenda in a consistent, just and reasonable manner.

Respectfully,
Chairman
Mark McDonald

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Income from land use change tax.....	\$56,095
Income from donations, etc.....	\$1,016
2007 Budget.....	\$2,000
Expenses	\$24,904
Interest.....	\$11,015
Funds on hand Conservation General Fund 12/31/07	\$7,775
Railroad Trail Maintenance Fund 12/31/07	\$152
Land Protection Fund 12/31/07	\$236,203
Stewardship Fund 12/31/07	\$11,369
Total All Funds	\$255,499

Another year of change and constancy- In the realm of "old business," the Bronson Potter bequest continued to occupy much of the Commission's time. We reached an important

milestone this year as the will cleared probate, giving the town title to the land. With that hurdle behind us, we proceeded with plans to clean up the Potter homestead (removing nearly three tons of junk) and held a yard sale for usable items raising enough money to pay for a headstone for Mr. Potter's grave site.

The probate milestone also cleared the way for selling the Whitaker House. The house has been widely advertised and generated much interest but only one serious offer so far. The revelation of a supposed buried oil tank in the front yard adds more work for the Commission, but we're optimistic about selling the property, and still intend to use the money to purchase a large parcel in the northeast corner of town.

This year sadly marked the passing of Florence Roberts, a long-time Mason resident and Commission member for 31 years. Typical of her nature, Florence bequeathed to the town a thirty-eight-acre parcel near town center. The property, to be known as the Florence Roberts Memorial Forest, will be managed as conservation land open to all. A parking area and hiking trails are planned.

The Town also agreed to accept a land gift this year from Mr. Esau Stanley. The property, approximately five acres off of Campbell Mill Rd., represents fine wetlands habitat and it's good to know the area will be preserved.

The Mason Railroad Trail required more attention than usual this year. Heavy spring rains created deep sink holes and destroyed the bridge at Black Brook. We're working with the town engineer and a few volunteer organizations to replace the bridge with a more-substantial structure.

Finally, in miscellaneous news, the revised Wetlands Ordinance mentioned in last year's report continues to be tweaked and should be completed soon. We have similar hopes for the Fifield easement which has undergone several small adjustments.

Respectfully submitted,
Conservation Commission

MASON FORESTRY COMMITTEE

The Forestry Committee has been engaged in identifying town property, which can be improved, by selective cutting or thinning. The goal of both these activities is to maximize the quality and growth of a selected stand of timber, at the same time considering recreational value and wildlife habitat. By selling marketable timber from selective cutting projects the Committee has been able to defray the cost of tree removal and railroad bed maintenance from other town agencies. This year the Committee's warrant article authorizes money to be spent from this fund in several different areas. The Committee would like to increase railroad bed maintenance funding in view of the spring bridge wash-out. Delineate future cutting projects by tape and compass surveying. Also, embark on a joint project with the Conservation Committee to enhance blue bird habitat around Greenville Road and to possibly start a forestry education program. Mason has a wide variety of open, forested and wetland areas. Make a point of experiencing these town assets, many of which have been donated by residents who valued them and wanted them to be appreciated by others.

Respectfully submitted,
Mason Forestry Committee

HOME HEALTHCARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason January 1, 2007-December 31, 2007 Annual Report

In 2007, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. Services included 47 nursing visits, 8 physical therapy visits, 7 speech pathology visits, and 19 occupational therapy visits. The cost of service provided with all sources of funding was \$13,584.00. The following services are available to Mason residents to assist residents to recover at home or to continue to live independently at home:

- Visiting Nurse
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Pathology
- Personal Care
- Supportive Services –homemakers and respite care
- HCS also offers a comprehensive in-home Hospice care for patients and bereavement support for family members.

HCS also offers health promotion services:

- Prenatal care and well child services for income eligible families
- “Nurse is in” clinics check blood pressure and answer questions for everyone

HCS welcomes inquiries at 1-800-541-4145 or our outreach program is available to talk with seniors and families about home care options at no cost.



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Library**
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Hours:
Tues. & Wed. 9A-4P, 6-8P
Thursday 9A-4P
Saturday 1-4P

Annual Report

In 2007, the library embarked upon a journey to get our collection ready for automation. With the assistance of dedicated staff and volunteers, we have discarded over 400 worn or outdated books, audios, and videos. Conversely, we replaced them with over 800 new items. This "weeding" of the collection and subsequent review and upload of our entire collection on to the State Library NHAIS System was a vital first step to becoming "automated." We are in the process of adding bar codes to all items and their corresponding cards. We are eager to continue this process and look forward to the day when our collection will be fully automated.

Of significance, there are 938 registered patrons that have borrowed 8,825 items during 2007. Patrons took full advantage of book borrowing through the statewide Interlibrary Loan Program with 480 items borrowed and 224 items lent to other libraries. Our membership in the Hillstown Coop has given patrons access to a rotating supply of classic and new movies and audio books that our library would not otherwise be able to provide. Of note, many residents have taken advantage of the reliable high-speed Internet access. We continue to allow patrons to fax and make copies for a minimal charge.

This year we offered many of the familiar programs such as Noon Book Club, Storytimes, Summer Reading, and Holiday Greening. New this year was a Fairy House Program and an Electricity Show. Both had over 30 participants. The children at our neighboring Elementary School look forward to their weekly visits and have voted for Ladybug Picture Book of the Year and entered various raffles for books and small prizes. In an effort to increase our exposure in the community, the library made regular visits to Imagine That and has done programs in conjunction with Brownie Troop 2237. The Twig's Tweens are a vibrant group of Middle School "tweens" that met regularly. This year, they assembled a collection of poetry from students in grades 2 – 5. They also assisted with many library programs such as Storytimes, Fairy House Building, and the Greening. We are eager to add new programs as the need or interest occurs.

This year, the library was able to procure a huge number of new titles to our book collection, mostly due to a Clif Grant that we were able to obtain. This rural library grant made it possible for us to get over \$2,000 worth of books if we could match with at least \$300 in donations. The community responded overwhelmingly. Due to donation from the Chapman family in honor of their mother and former library volunteer, Betty Chapman, we purchased a new collection of Solar System reference books and several children's books. We appreciate all the donations of time, money, books and supplies. We especially appreciate your support of our library simply by checking out materials and attending our programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Library Trustees Elena Kollenson, Lynn McCann, Robin Smith

Mason Public Library Financial Report for 2007

Receipts	Town Budget	Checking Acct
Town Appropriations	\$41,989.00	
Donations		\$ 831.00
Fundraising (book and bake sale)		295.00
Whitacker-Locke Trust Fund Interest		150.00
Fees and Fines		210.57
Checking Account Interest		9.10
TOTAL	\$41,989.00	\$1,495.67

Expenditures

Salaries	\$31,305.96	
Payroll Tax	2,394.77	
Worker's Comp.	122.00	
Continuing Educ.	140.00	
Travel	255.76	
Telephone	788.07	
Technology	625.36	
Postage	54.60	
Supplies	500.97	\$121.35
Dues & Fees	460.00	20.00
Programming	234.82	140.00
Books	3,114.92	1,401.21
TOTAL	\$ 39,997.23	\$1,682.56

Return to Town General Fund - appropriations not used	\$1,991.77
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Checking Account - Ocean Bank

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2007		\$9,118.75
Ending Balance - December 31, 2007		8,932.76
		\$(186.89)

Other Accounts held by the library

Shield & Sons Mutual Fund - balance December 31, 2007	\$ 8,725.95
Ocean Bank CD in memory of Pam Steinberg (12/13/07)	\$1,151.47
Ocean Bank CD donated by former "Friends" Of MPL	\$563.81

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been forty-three (43) Building Permits issued during 2007. They were issued for the following (and the total valuation is also listed):

17	Permanent Dwellings	\$1,827,417
2	Additions to Home	67,100
10	Decks/Porches Additions to Home	51,001
1	Garage	10,108
1	Garage Addition	38,407
1	Garage Replacement	4,212
1	Shed	2,948
3	Barns	81,291
4	Electrical Service	12,000
1	Stove Installation	3,000
2	Septic Repair	6,000
TOTAL		\$2,103,484

Of the seventeen permanent dwellings, five were renewal permits. Of the two additions to homes, one was a renewal permit. There have been 10 Oil Burner and/or Oil Storage Permits issued. A permit is required for installing and operating oil-burning equipment that includes replacement oil burners and/or oil storage tanks.

Some residents do not understand when a Building Permit is required. Please refer to the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance, Article VII. I will be happy to help with any questions.

The House and Waterhole Numbering System is continually being updated and new numbers issued. It would be beneficial if all residents would use their correct house numbers and post the numbers using three-inch high reflective numbers, facing both directions.

Permanent boundary markers have to be checked on lots without an existing dwelling, before a Building Permit can be issued. Every iron pin, drilled hole and granite bound that is shown on a plat must be checked. This was approved at the March 2004 Town Meeting.

I hold office hours at the Mann House on Tuesday evenings by appointment only. Please call 878-2894 for your appointment or questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Building Inspector

Kenneth B. Wilson

REPORT OF BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

Last spring we spent most of our time spreading loam and seeding behind the Mann House and Police Station. In July the parking lot was paved and the final landscaping around the parking lot was done. With this parking area paved, snow removal has been much easier and there is a lot less sand getting into our Town buildings.

In August we started some painting on the Mann House and the Town Hall. We also had to replace eight feet of sill beam near the side door of the Town Hall and some siding was replaced.

Within the next five years the roofs on both the Mann House and the Town Hall will have to be replaced as they are almost 30 years old.

Respectfully submitted,

Buildings and Grounds Manager

Wallace A. Brown

REPORT OF THE MASON BUILDING COMMITTEE

With the completion of the landscaping and paving of the parking lot, the Police Station project is now officially completed.

We have had some discussions with the Library Trustees about ideas on expanding the Library and we plan to do more in 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Building Committee Chairman

Wallace A. Brown

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

With all of the snow that we had in late March and early April, spring clean-up in the cemeteries got off to a late start. By early May we were still cleaning up and then mowing started. By late July the drought started and this gave us time to cut brush and branches from the trees in the cemeteries. In November we did get all of the leaves picked up before the first snow.

Residents of Mason interested in purchasing cemetery lots at Prospect Hill Cemetery may contact Wallace A. Brown, Sexton, at 878-1481 for details.

Respectfully submitted,

Cemetery Trustees

Wallace Brown

Robert Larochele

Jeannine Phalon

DEATHS and/or BURIALS in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death or Burial</u>
April 6	Betty Chapman	Merrimack, NH
April 20	Linda Creighton	Mason, NH
April	Theodore Stewart	Tennessee
June 6	Sunshine Horton	Manchester, NH
June 17	Alden Greenwood	Mason, NH
July 15	Robert Pepin	Milford, NH
Aug. 22	Mark Place	Nashua, NH
Sept. 13	Donald Richards	Mason, NH
Oct. 12	Florence Roberts	Mason, NH
Nov. 11	Phillip Robinson	Mason, NH
Nov. 20	Adele Tutter	Mason, NH
Dec. 25	James Connolly	Mason, NH

MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
April 21	Benjamin P. Rumore Cathy A. McCalvey	Mason, NH Mason, NH
April 25	John R. McGrath Deborah E. Horan	Mason, NH Mason, NH
June 9	Mark P. Lamminen Beth A. Larrabee	Mason, NH Mason, NH
June 10	Charles E. Gow Brooke M Ledoux	New Ipswich, NH Mason, NH
July 27	Timothy W. Melanson Patricia A. Misitano	Mason, NH Mason, NH

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Aug. 4	Shane J. Robinson Christina S. Adkins	Mason, NH Mason, NH
Aug. 11	George W. Rendle Patricia N. Rendle	Mason, NH Mason, NH
Sept. 2	Jason S. Bundas Diane C. Hall	Mason, NH Mason, NH

BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Jan. 5	Abigail Jean Alton	Nashua, NH	Paul Alton Michelle Alton
May 22	Jason Michael Schlupf	Lebanon, NH	Michael Schlupf Christine Schlupf
May 25	Atticus Giorgio Barrett	Nashua, NH	David Barrett Michela Barrett
June 4	Logan Thomas Lane	Nashua, NH	Edward Lane Amber Lane
June 21	Maddy Jaylynn Parker	Peterborough, NH	Harley Parker Abbey McCreery
June 22	Ainsley Carlene Harrington	Nashua, NH	Benjamin Harrington Monica Harrington
July 19	David James Babin	Nashua, NH	David Babin Marci Babin
Sept. 22	James Ledoux Gow	Nashua, NH	Charles Gow Brooke Gow
Nov. 19	Andrew Gerard Healey	Nashua, NH	Jamie Healey Kim Gilraine



TOWN of MASON ELECTION MARCH 13, 2007

The Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, called the town election to order. The polls were declared open at 8:00 AM. Checklist total was 927. The polls were closed at 7:10 PM after 220 had voted.

The Moderator administered the oath to the following ballot counters:

George Schwenk, Douglas Whitbeck, Mary McDonald

The results of the Town Election on Article 1 were as follows:

Selectmen for 3 years:

Mark Richardson 168

Victor Tweedy 39

There were 3 write-in votes

Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years: Wally Brown 41 write-ins

Dave Morrison 3 write-ins

There were 6 additional write-in votes

Library Trustee for 3 years: Robin Smith 201

Library Trustee for 1 year: Elena Kolbenson 194

Trustee of Trust Funds 3 years: George Schwenk 193

Barbara Milkovits 1 write-in

There were 5 write-in votes

The results of the election on Article 2 the Town of Mason Planning and Zoning Ordinance question

Yes 179

No 31

School Board Results: C. Christopher Guiry 169

Article 2 – Budget: Yes 1014 No 664

Article 3 – Collective Bargaining Agreement: Yes 995 No 594

Article 4 – Call Sp Meeting if #3 fails: Yes 1009 No 554

Article 5 – Put \$75000 in Cap Reserve Fund: Yes 1004 No 560

Article 6 – Withdrawal from SAU: Yes 1050 No 524

Article 7 – Accept Reports: Yes 1308 No 246

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

MASON TOWN MEETING MARCH 14, 2007

At 7:30 PM Moderator, Catherine Schwenk, reviewed the meeting procedures, indicated the fire and emergency exits, acknowledged all those who were involved in the election, and introduced those who were sitting at the head table.

We have implemented the new HAVA voting booth provided by the State and also the new election database management system, ElectionNet.

Appreciation was noted for Wally Brown's setting up the election facilities, the dedicated election workers, the Town Clerk and Deputy, the Supervisors of the Checklist, Selectmen, and Barbara Milkovits, Selectmen's Assistant.

We thank Steve Tamulonis for donating the sound equipment to the town.

Wally Brown was presented a plaque in appreciation of his 20 years of service on the Recreation Committee. He was also recognized for his 27 years of service on the Fire Department.

There were 96 voters and 2 non voters from Peterborough present. There were 2 members of the press present.

There was no objection to Senator Gottesmann's speaking to the assemblage prior to the meeting.

The Moderator announced the results of the Town elections and the school district. She declared the winning candidates elected to their respective office.

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The following errors or omissions were in the town report:
Page 11, Article 17 should be deleted. It was voted on at the February special town meeting.
Page 29, the second line in the Fire Department report should read 27 years of service by Wally Brown.

The Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 7:40 PM.

The colors were presented by Robert Guiry, Chris Elliot, Dan McGuire, Nat O'Brien and Shawn O'Grady of Boy Scout Troop 264 and Katie Lannin and Samantha Guiry of Girl Scout Troop 101. Corinne Babel, the Honor Society President and founder of the Mascenic School Culture Club, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Business from 2006 Town Meeting kindergarten article: Linda Lannin presented a projected budget to include a teacher, assistant teacher, supplies and space. She noted we could start the kindergarten as a municipality or as part of the school district which would avail us of state funds. The major issue is location and space.

There was no objection to waiving the reading of the Warrant.

Article 3: Mark Richardson moved and it was seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) to purchase and equip a new loader for the Mason Highway Department and to authorize the issuance of not more than One hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Budget Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

After discussion the polls opened at 7:51pm. The polls closed at 8:51pm. The moderator announced the results on Article 3. Total ballots cast were 90. Necessary to pass was 60. The article passed with 65 Yes and 25 No.

Article 4: Anne Richards moved and it was seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the gross sum of Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to be used only for acquisition in the name of the town of the fee or lesser interest in Conservation land and other costs associated therewith for permanent conservation use, and further to authorize the Selectmen to accept private donations of land, interest in land, or money for purposes of contributing to the local matching portion required under the Federal USDA Northeastern Area Forest Legacy Program and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept the matching funds under the Forest Legacy Program in an amount up to One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) (75% of the total) for the purposes of acquisition of the fee or lesser interest in Conservation land. This appropriation is contingent upon the receipt of Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in grant funds, private donations and other sources of funds. The remaining portion of this appropriation to be raised by taxation will be no more than One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). And to further authorize the issuance of not more than One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Budget Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Said appropriated funds and the Forest Legacy Program matching funds and other funds raised for this Conservation land acquisition may be expended by majority vote of the Mason Conservation Commission.

The Conservation Committee made a motion to postpone this article indefinitely because they were unable to get funding. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 5: Dr. Christopher Guiry moved and it was seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the gross sum of Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to be used only for acquisition in the name of the town of the fee or lesser interest in Conservation land and other costs associated therewith for permanent conservation use, and further to authorize the Selectmen to accept private donations of land, interest in land, or money. This appropriation is contingent upon the receipt of Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in private donations and other sources of funds. The remaining portion of this appropriation to be raised by taxation will be no more than One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). And to further authorize the issuance of not more than One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Budget Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate

such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Said appropriated funds and other funds raised for this Conservation land acquisition may be expended by majority vote of the Mason Conservation Commission. **(This article will only be voted on if Article # 4 fails.)** A motion was made to strike out the sentence stating "The remaining portion of this appropriation to be raised by taxation will be no more than One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)." This amendment was defeated.

Leland Craig questioned the bold type statement about #4 failing, since #4 was withdrawn. It was noted that this statement was advisory information only and that Garth Fletcher had take to town council who concurred with the Moderator's opinion to postpone indefinitely.

After discussion the polls opened at 8:30pm. The polls closed at 9:33pm. The moderator announced the results on Article 3. Total ballots cast were 90. Necessary to pass was 60. The article passed with 75 Yes and 17 No.

Article 6: Mark Richardson moved and it was seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One million four hundred twenty-two thousand, one hundred six dollars (\$1,422,106) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.

Dave Cook recognized Robin Berry's retirement after 19 years of service with the Highway Department.

Dave Cook made an amendment to change the Paved Road Restoration line item from \$55,000 to \$80,000. The amendment carried.

The article as amended making the new operating budget one million four hundred forty seven thousand one hundred six dollars (\$1,447,106) carried unanimously.

Article 7: Anne Richards moved and it was seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Capital Reserve, previously established, or take any other action relative thereto.

Dave Cook made a motion to postpone this article indefinitely. The motion carried unanimously.

Article 8: On motion of Dr Christopher Guiry it was VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Capital Reserve, previously established, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 9: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) to purchase new defibrillators for the Mason Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 10: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$3,650) for the purchase of Tazers for the Police Department and to authorize the use/transfer from the December 31, 2006 Fund Balance of that amount received from the 2006 sale of the Crown Victoria police cruiser.

Article 11: On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of paving the Town Office parking lot, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 12: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the purpose of preservation of the Town records, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 13: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED that the Town raise and appropriate the

sum of One thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,875) for the purchase of new polling booths, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 14: On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED that the town raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand six hundred sixty-eight dollars and eighty cents (\$1,668.80) for the purpose of additional interior improvements to the police station and authorize the use in that amount of the December 31, 2006 Fund Balance for that purpose. (This amount represents the interest earned on bond proceeds that was transferred to the general fund on or before December 31, 2006.)

Article 15: On motion of Mark Richardson it was DEFEATED that the Town authorize Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited in the Land Protection Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. The balance of the tax will be deposited into the General Fund. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2007, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the Town meeting. (This article was previously voted at 100% of the Land Use Change Tax deposited into the Land Protection Conservation Fund at the March 2000 Town Meeting.)

Article 16: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously that the Town modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Mason based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$70,000, for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$100,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$130,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a net income of not more than \$40,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$60,000 excluding the value of the person's personal residence.

Article 17: On motion of Dr. Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Capital Improvement Program Committee, represented by at least one member of the Planning Board, to prepare and amend, with input from municipal departments and committees, a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least six years to aid the Selectmen and the Budget Committee in their consideration of the annual budget as permitted by RSA 674:5.

Article 18: On motion of Mark Richardson it was DEFEATED that the Town go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Mason.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition the Town of Mason encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices. By petition.

Article 19: On motion of Anne Richards it was VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20: On motion of Christopher Guiry it was VOTED unanimously that the town authorize the Selectmen and Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment form the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21: On motion of Mark Richardson it was VOTED that the Town authorize the Selectmen and the Police Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

On motion of Michael Bromberg and seconded by many voices, the meeting was adjourned sine dai at 10:25 PM

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

TOWN of MASON Special Town Meeting Feb 7, 2007

At 7:00 PM the Moderator reviewed the meeting procedures, indicated the fire and emergency exits, and introduced those who were sitting at the head table.

The Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 7:08 PM. The colors were presented by Robert Guiry, Chris Elliot, Dan McGuire, Nat O'Brien and Shawn O'Grady of Boy Scout Troop 264

Appreciation was noted for Wally Brown's setting up the facility.

There were 173 voters present. Non voters present were: 3 from the media, 2 non voters, 1 State Senator and the boy scouts.

Wolfgang Millbrandt detailed the financial considerations regarding the article which was the reason for the special town meeting.

The town voted almost unanimously in favor of the withdrawal of the Town from the Mascenic Regional District in accordance with RSA 195:25. The authority granted to the Board of Selectmen, per RSA 41:8, to act on behalf of the Town shall remain in force and effect until such time as the earlier of a vote of subsequent annual town meeting rescinding the authority or the successful completion of withdrawal from the Mascenic Regional School District as voted at the Annual or Special Meeting of the Mascenic Regional School District under the provisions of RSA 195:29.

The meeting was adjourned sine dai at 7:38 PM

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk

TOWN of MASON Special Town Meeting Dec 5, 2007

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 7:30 PM. The Moderator reviewed the meeting procedures, indicated the fire and emergency exits, and introduced those who were sitting at the head table.

Appreciation was noted for Wally Brown's setting up the facility, the Supervisors of the checklist

for all their hard work and Barbara Milkovits, the Selectmen's Assistant for her efforts.

Dr. Chris Guiry acknowledged Devan Fletcher for his efforts in cleaning up the area around Pratt Pond.

We pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.
There were 22 voters present.

Dr. Chris Guiry moved and it was seconded that the town vote to sell the residential structure and parcel of land, described as Map G Lot 82, 5.944 acres and buildings at 317 Old Ashby Road, Mason, New Hampshire, as authorized and subject to restrictions in the Order dated October 16, 2007 of the Hillsborough County Probate Court.

Wolfgang Millbrandt proposed an amendment to read “for no less that \$300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars)”. The amendment was seconded by Michael Farrey. During the discussion another issue with the property was brought to light by the Conservation Committee – an underground oil tank next to the well.

After discussion the amendment was defeated. The discussion then went back to the original proposal. After further discussion a vote was taken and the proposal passed.

The meeting was adjourned sine dai at 7:55 PM.

Susan J. Wagoner, Town Clerk



1807 History Highlights

There were three marriages performed by Rev. William Eliot.
There were eleven marriages performed by Rev. Ebenezer Hill
Births – from December 31, 1806 to December 31, 1807 – 25
Deaths – There are two sets of figures in the old History of Mason: page 130 states 17
Page 255 states 15 (2 over 70)

Moderator	Timothy Dakin
Town Clerk	Joses Bucknam
Selectmen	Joses Bucknam
	Samuel Smith Jr.
	Deacon R.W. Weson
Treasurer:	Selectmen
Representative:	Deacon R.W. Weson

Church Statistics: Reverend Ebenezer Hill received an extra \$100 added to his salary. Two people joined the church by profession. There were 106 members. The church embraced members from New Ipswich, Temple, Wilton, Milford, Lyndeboro, Brookline, Hollis, Dunstable and Townsend, Massachusetts.

The above information came from **The History of the Town of Mason, N.H. from the First Grant in 1749, to the Year 1858** by John B. Hill

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